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NOTE: WE WILL NOT HAVE A SCHEDULED HARC MEETING IN FEBRUARY DUE TO THE HARC SUPPER ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH, 2009:

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday MARCH 11 at 7:30 PM

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo. Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2009 Hannibal, MO ARC 2009 Exam Dates

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 8, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2009 test fee will be \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

NOTE: 2009 MEMBER DUES ARE DUE



Around the World

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES



Minutes of the meeting recorded by:
Fred-KBØWIL...HARC Secretary...

Date: January 14th, 2009

LOCATION: Beth Haven Nursing Home 2500
Pleasant St. Hannibal Mo.63401

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Howie-
KØDFW

APPROVAL OF MINUTES IN LAST NEWSLETTER:

Motion to approve: J.D.-WØAJD
Seconded by: Don-KCØRML

TREASURERS REPORT: Tony-WØPGL



Cash-\$921.69 CD-\$1,244.99 Total-\$2,166.68

Motion to approve: Carol-WA9EFV

Seconded by: Bonnie-WBØWAP

REPEATER REPORT: Fred-KBØWIL

The 146.625 repeater is working great; the new Kenwood radio is doing an outstanding job. The 146.880 machine is working great, no problems.

MOTOROLA RADIO DONATION:

Jack-WD9CHG & J.D.-WØAJD acquired these radios, from a REC that had changed over to narrow band system, and took these out of service and donated to our club. We have acquired several Motorola Mobile Mara-Trac VHF radios, and a Motorola VHF repeater. We have decided to sell the mobile radios, for \$50.00 each, to the local area hams. The rigs are rated at 100 watts, w/ 99 channels. Contact Howie - KØDFW or Jack-WD9CHG if you need any information regarding these radios. We will sell them at this price until February 7th, 2009, after that we may sell them on Ebay or a similar site. We have decided to keep the repeater, in case we need a back-up, for our 625 or 88 machine.

Motion to approve: Bonnie-WBØWAP
Seconded by: Mel-KCØHYY

HARC MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2008:

Congratulations J.D. on winning this HARC award, we really appreciate all your efforts in helping our club. We will present the award to J.D. on February 7th, 2009 at our annual HARC dinner/get together.

WIARC HAM CLASSES: 2009

If you're interested in taking HAM classes, for Technician, General, and Extra. Please contact Joe-K2PEY at the following telephone number: 217-222-2754 or e-mail joehu@aol.com. Classes start on January 6th, 2009. The manuals are \$20.00, for each entry level class.

HARC SUPPER ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH, 2009:

We will have our annual supper/get-together again on February 7th, 2009. We will have it at the Golden Corral, Time 6:00PM. Fred-KBØWIL is in charge of reserving a room for us. Everyone is responsible for payment of their meal. We will be sitting in the non-smoking section.

Note: We will not have a regular scheduled meeting in February, due to our supper/get-together.

K9P SPECIAL EVENT:

USPSA -Single Stack Nationals

PASA Park Barry, Ill. April, 2009

We will be having a K9P Special Event, again this year from April 29th-May2nd, 2009. We will be using the World Famous Redneck

Retreat as our base of operation. Carol-WA9EFV has agreed to be our host, of course he had to ask the real boss over there, "Nancy", and she is an excellent hostess and cook. Carol is the self appointed Commander of this operation, if you don't believe me, just ask him and he will tell you it's true. This will be our 5th year using the K9P '1x1" call sign. Fred-KBØWIL will get the K9P call sign in the 1X1 database, as well as in the April QST magazine, in the special event section.

Motion to approve: Bonnie-WBØWAP
Seconded by: ED-NØWNV

DONATION: AMERITON AMPLIFIER

Carol-WA9EFV donated an Ameritron AL-811 Amplifier to our club. This will be a great addition to our radio arsenal, especially working special events, like K9P. Thank you very much Carol, for this outstanding donation.

HARC BARBEQUE AUGUST 2009:

We will have our annual club barbeque on Saturday August 1st, 2009. It will be at Huckleberry Park Pavilion. Fred-KBØWIL will take care of the reservations for the pavilion.

Note: The Quincy ham fest is on Saturday August 8th, 2009, so this won't conflict with that date.

50/50 WON BY:

Oral-KBØECF and he donated it back to the club. Thanks Oral, the club appreciates it.

HARC DUES 2009:

The HARC dues for 2009 are now due; please pay Tony-WØPGL at your earliest convenience. You can pay at the next meeting or send them in to the club P.O. Box. (see address at the bottom of this newsletter). The dues are \$20.00 annually per member.

VE-TESTING JANUARY 14TH, 2009:

We gave exams tonight, and we had three people take the Technician Class License exam. VE's tonight, were, Ed-NØWNV, Oral-KBØECF and Fred-KBØWIL.

UPDATE: HOUSE BILL 26 MISSOURI

There is a bill in the 95th General Assembly in Missouri, regarding HB26 Wireless Telephone Bill. We need to contact our local representatives and let them know, that there needs to be a provision for Amateur Radio Operators in this bill.

Rachel Bringer is our local representative, and her number is 573-751-9818, which is in Jefferson City.
<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills091/billtxt/intro/HB00261.htm>

Number of members present: 17
Number of guests: 7
Total in attendance: 24
Motion to adjourn: Carol-WA9EFV
Motion seconded by: Mel-KCØHYY



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK FEBRUARY 2009 BY HOWARD BARNES KØDFW

Well it is the dead of winter and I have had my fill! I am not much for cold weather anymore. When I was younger, it didn't bother me that much, but now, it seems to go straight to the bone when I am out in it. However, I must say, it is a good time to hit the low frequency bands for some good DXing on 80 and 160 meters. I have even been hearing of some good openings on 10 meters.

I hear that that the Winterfest at Collinsville, Ill., this year was a good one. It only goes to show what gas going down to \$1.60 a gallon can do for a hamfest. It is about time that fuel gets back down where it belongs. Now if we can get our President and Congress to stop bailing out all the crooked bankers in the nation, maybe things will start straightening itself out. But you can bet they won't leave things alone, and will get in and really cob it up real good!!!!

The HARC has some good Motorola VHF radios for sale for \$50 that you can't beat

the deal on. These radios are built like a tank. They are 100 percent duty.... meaning you can lay a brick down on the key and walk away from it and it won't hurt itself. They are programmable for 2 meters and will run a strong 100 watts of power. They have detachable faces that you can put on the dash of your car and put the main radio under the seat. You can't beat the deal. Get hold of any club officer and we will furnish your needs in VHF!

We are having a dinner party at the Golden Corral in Hannibal at 6:00 pm on the 7th of February. Anyone, member or not, is invited to come and dine with a bunch of hams and have a good time. We will be giving out door prizes and awards at the party. It is too darn cold to do anything else anyway so you might as well come on out and have some fun with us.

We are having good turnouts for the 2 meter net on Monday nights at 8:00 pm on .625 and .88 you might want to check in with us on Monday nights and keep up on the local news and happenings.

Well I hope to see everyone at the dinner party at Golden Corral because there "will not" be a HARC meeting this February like we usually do. So if you got some gossip to catch up on you will have to do it at the dinner party. Anyway, the best of 73s to everyone.

Howard K0DFW

Around the World



DX & Computer Horizons February 2009 by Cliff Ahrens K0CA

The weather hasn't gotten any better, and the HF bands are still not hopping with activity. But there are some really good opportunities this month to work a lot of DX in one major DXpedition and two of the world's premier DX contests. The DXpedition is from the very rare DXCC entity KP5 Desecheo. The DX contests are the ARRL International DX CW contest on February 21-23, and the Phone running of that same contest on March 7-9. For the rules see: <http://www.arrrl.org/contests/rules/2009/intldx.html>. Even if you're not a contester, jump into the fray and have some fun. Work some new countries or new band countries. Now here's some other DX that should be on in February.

KP5 Desecheo. The big news for February is that two well-known U.S. DXers, Glenn Johnson, WØGJ and Bob Allphin, K4UEE will lead an international team of fifteen operators to the very rare KP5 Desecheo for an operation authorized during the window of February 12 to 26. Desecheo is a mountainous Caribbean island near Puerto Rico. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge Complex has authorized this operation. For updates, online logs, and other information, go to the team's web site at: <http://www.kp5.us/>.

FW Wallis and Futuna. Listen for FW8DX, primarily on 40 meter SSB, from Wallis and Futuna. He should be there until February 10th.

HS Thailand. Joerg DL1MJF to be on the air using the callsign HS0ZGQ from Thailand from January 20th to February 12th. QSL via DL1MJF.

XT Burkina-Faso. Michael F1IQH plans to be active as XT2WC for two weeks, beginning January 25th. He will be active primarily on 20 meters. QSL via home call.

JD1/M Minami Torishima. Look for Masa JA6GXX on the air from Marcus Island signing JD1BMM from January 22nd to February 9th. JD1BND also plans to be on the air. QSL JD1BMM via QRZ.com.

Computer manufacturers are constantly improving the speed and power of today's home computers. But there's one feature they still haven't perfected – the internal clock. Computer clocks are notoriously bad time-keepers. If your logging software depends on your computer clock for accuracy, then you need software to monitor and adjust your clock's time regularly. There are lots of free time synchronization programs, but one of the best for Windows XP and Vista is called NTP Time Server Monitor. It's easy to install, does its work without any hitches or problems, and keeps your log times accurate to the second. Check it out at:
<http://www.meinberg.de/english/sw/time-server-monitor.htm>.

Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column.

73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

FYI: DX Zone Operating Links and Maps

http://www.dxzone.com/catalog/Operating_Aids/Maps/

USA Districts

<http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=10864>

DXCC map-Updated

<http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=12892>

Converting Addresses to/from Latitude/Longitude in One Step

<http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=17361>

Contributed to me by KBØWIL

HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST, FEB 2009

2	KB9VIS	BRIAN
9	KBØWIL	FRED
16	WØAJD	JD
23	WØPGL	TONY

Thanks to all of you who do this!!

Motorola Maratrac 99 channel 100 watt radios

Here is a photo of one of the Motorola Maratrac 99 channel, 100 watt mobile radios that were donated to the radio club from Jack, WD9CHG. They are convertible to 2-meter amateur use. There are still a few available to our local area hams. If you are interested, contact Jack, WD9CHG, or Howard, KØDFW or any club officer.



A BIG THANKS TO JACK WD9CHG FOR FINDING THESE ITEMS FOR OUR CLUB.

FOR SALE:

75 FT OF TOWER – CALL JD, WØAJD
 573-221-2937 OR EMAIL: sinclair@rallstech.com



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

When They Say: Are You Ready? – How Do I Know if I AM?

Being prepared for a disaster is something we hear frequently – but do I really know what that means and, am I prepared. Come learn about putting together a disaster kit, what to do, regarding developing your family disaster plan, and other points that can help you be prepared when we have a disaster. Types of disaster kits, and their contents, developing your family disaster plan, and disasters we anticipate locally, will be covered.

Adult/Community Ed Program - One-Night Seminar: Thursday, March 19, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
The class will be at the Hannibal Career & Technical Center, 4550 McMasters Ave. It is the building behind the high school. The phone number is 573-221-4430 Ext. 3001 to reserve a place in the class.

Instructor: Sherry Nelson, Human Development Specialist, University of MO Extension Office
Fee: \$20.00 Includes materials.

ON THE LIGHT SIDE OF MARK TWAIN

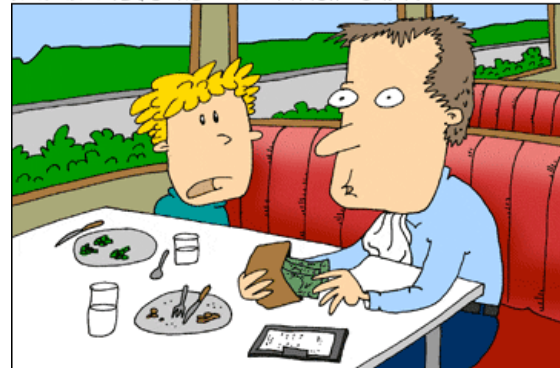


Kermit, **KØZXQ** had a good story to relate to us. Sometime ago he made contact with another fellow ham, Gene, W4NSN in Atlanta, and with Gene's QSL card, he included a letter.

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"In 1955 Gene and his wife were married in Reno, Nevada, and on their way to his home, stopped in historic Hannibal for a meal. When in the restaurant, they became interested in several folks sitting in a nearby booth, because they thought they had seen one of them before. They learned they were musicians traveling to Shreveport for a Saturday night hayride show. His wife wanted to buy a card, and when bending over to look at cards on the rack, her pants split open on the backside. Because the musicians had seen the whole thing, they were laughing about her predicament. Eventually Gene got his wife's attention, persuaded her to return to their booth, and because **Brenda Lee** was one of the young musicians the incident was especially memorable. In the last paragraph of his letter, Gene wrote, "when reminded of Hannibal, they don't necessarily think of Mark Twain"."

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